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CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION FOR THE PROPOSED DRINKING WATER PROJECT FOR NAVAJO WESTERN WATER DISTRICT

The Water Quality Control Division of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment has conducted a review of the proposed drinking water project for the Navajo Western Water District in accordance with EPA and the State of Colorado procedures for implementing the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) (40 CFR Part 6) and the State of Colorado NEPA-like policy (SRF Operating Agreement). The State has determined that this project is eligible for a categorical exclusion. Accordingly, the State is exempting the project from further substantive environmental review requirements under the above stated policies.

Project Description:

The original project included replacing water storage tanks, installing residential water meters, and the construction of a new building at the water treatment plant (WTP) and was issued a Categorical Exclusion. The proposed project consists of redrilling three existing wells (#2, #7, and #9) and installing four flushing valves on dead end lines within the Navajo Ranch Resorts, and installing eleven flushing valves on dead end lines within the Navajo Ranch Estates.

The project will be funded by an existing Drinking Water State Revolving Fund loan.

The project by design will not increase the drinking water demand for the planning area.

Criteria for Granting a Categorical Exclusion under 40 CFR parts 6.107 and 6.505

The action proposed will ensure compliance with current and future water treatment standards. The following criteria condition the allowance of the categorical exclusion for the proposed action:

- Construction of additional facilities adjacent to existing facilities which do not affect the degree or capacity of treatment by more than 30 percent of the existing populations;
- Minor upgrades and expansions of existing water systems in communities of 10,000 population or less (distribution line extensions are not included).

The documentation to support this decision will be on file at the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, Water Quality Control Division, in Denver, Colorado and is available for public scrutiny upon request. Comments concerning this decision may be addressed to:

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Dated this 3 day of January, 2014.

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